

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2007

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Vice-Chairman Gary Palmer, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Martha Nagy, Chief Thomas, Girard Smith, Derek Burritt of the Banner, and Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder. Jan Worthington was absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the minutes of the regular session of February 6, 2007 as written. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.

Public Comment: None.

Interview: Tercentennial Celebration Committee: Mr. Smith has applied to fill a vacancy. He was approached by a member to serve, and he thinks it sounds interesting. Mr. Gaechter noted that at the present time Mr. Smith does not live in town, but there is nothing in the Charter that says one must be a resident to serve on some of the boards/committees. **Mr. Gaechter moved to appoint Mr. Smith to fill a vacancy on the Tercentennial Celebration Committee. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Discussion on answers from the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program: The Board discussed the answers recently received from Natural Heritage in reply to the 21 questions that had been compiled by the various regulatory boards and submitted to them. Mr. Gaechter asked if these answers had been shared with the other boards yet. Ms. Nolan was directed to put a letter together and distribute to the boards with these answers attached. **Mr. Gaechter moved to forward the answers from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to the other boards that compiled the questions and authorize the Chair to sign the cover letter. Mr. Palmer seconded it.** Mr. Gaechter suggested formal contact with other towns all the way to Orleans and ask them to jointly sponsor a meeting with Natural Heritage. Mr. Hartman said it might be worth the effort for the Town Administrator and/or the Assistant Town Administrator to drive up and meet with Natural Heritage to make working with them ore pleasant. Ms. Nolan said that they already have--at which meeting they promised to come here for a meeting. She asked the BOS for guidance on how to proceed with Natural Heritage regarding the Community Center Project. Mr. Gaechter said that they are two separate issues; she should proceed as she has to with the Community Center project. He would like to see a regional meeting with the Natural Heritage, and he directed Ms. Nolan to contact town administrators and Ms. Greenhalgh to contact other planners. Ms. Greenhalgh said she is concerned that we will get the same folks from Natural Heritage as we have already seen. She wants to get the higher ups--the policy makers. Mr. Gaechter told Ms. Nolan to invite Rep. Peake and Senator O'Leary to this regional meeting; copy the letter to both of them. Mr. Gaechter said the answers received were inadequate. Ms. Greenhalgh said she sees a lot of contradictions. **Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Reaffirmation of Town Meeting Charter changes: Mr. Palmer moved to affirm that the

Charter approved by Article 21 at the Annual Town Meeting held April 27, 2004 is the document approved by Town Meeting for Charter changes. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.

Animal control policy: Ms. Nolan outlined the draft policy she wrote using Eastham's bylaw. She feels that this will be more than adequate, and they can add this to our bylaws in the future if they want. She said she has found out that the BOS can't have the Animal Control Officer make the final decision in an animal complaint case. She can hold the hearing, but must bring her decision to the BOS for approval. The Board reviewed the document; they agreed that the sections on commercial and residential kennels need to be clarified and language about the humane treatment of animals needs to be added. The section on leashing should be checked to be sure it is the same as what is in the beach rules. The section on the duration of barking is also unclear.

Memorials/Facility naming Policy: Ms. Nolan outlined the amendments she made to their current Policy Memorandum # 38, Facilities Naming, to incorporate memorials. In addition to the references to the COA and the Recreation Commission, she is also going to add the Library. She added a clause prohibiting temporary memorials as Chief Thomas requested in a memo to the BOS. Mr. Hartman suggested a language addition in #5 of "or other small design elements", and to use "engraved with the name of those to be honored" instead of "deceased". Mr. Gaechter said that he wants to leave the decision making with the BOS, not with any other group. Chief Thomas told the BOS that in his memo he had not said he was against temporary memorials, just that the BOS should have a policy with a time limit that they can be put up for. Mr. Gaechter said that was a good point; they should be out of the roadway, not a permanent structure, and only up for four weeks. Mr. Palmer requested that Ms. Nolan send a copy of the request which asks for a memorial a bench at a town beach to the Beach Commission for comment.

Dredge contract: Mr. Palmer moved to approve the contract with Barnstable County for dredge services and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Distributed letters sent to the Secretary of Transportation from Principal Davis regarding our request for sidewalks. Our two project requests are now very low on the TIP list. Mr. Hartman suggested that the Board bring Rep. Peake in on this discussion.
- Reported that she received audit reports from the LCAA as requested. Mr. Gaechter directed her to pass them on to the BOFE to review. She is also to inquire how they are coming along with their committee.
- Reported that Sgt. Silvia and Officer Danziger will be receiving a Red Cross Law Enforcement Heroes award. She was directed to draft a letter of congratulations from the BOS.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Lucy: -Reported that he attended the last Planning Board meeting. He feels that a seminar on Board of Selectmen's Minutes

Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law is needed for the Boards and Committees. Ms. Nolan said that the Attorney General's office is willing to hold these seminars. She will contact them to get a date and time.

- Reported that people have discussed with him that they do not know where to look in the Cape Codder for the legal ads. He asked that Ms. Nolan call the Cape Codder and suggest that they put the location of the legal ads in the table of contents. He noted that only the Cape Cod Times puts these legal ads on-line.

Hartman: -Recommended that the Planning Board hold a public hearing on their subdivision regulation amendments as they are doing for the affordable accessory bylaw. **Mr. Palmer moved to invite the Planning Board to come to the BOS with the draft subdivision regulations. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.** Mr. Gaechter asked Ms. Nolan to look into the use of the microphones for other committees.

Other business: Ms. Nolan told the Board that the revolutionary sword and buckle donated by Ms. Paine has arrived, with a copy of their genealogy. She will be getting it appraised; the package was insured for \$8k. **Mr. Gaechter moved to recall their vote to have the sword and buckle housed at the Cobb Library, and moved that it is to be placed in the Town Hall, and to have it appraised. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.**

Ms. Nolan explained that the \$100k wood chipper requested by the DPW is actually a brush cutter. The one that the town has is worn out and needs to be replaced.

Next week's agenda: Mr. Gaechter moved to cancel the meeting next week. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 4-0, unanimous.

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Gaechter moved to convene in Executive Session under the provisions of MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B to consider the leasing of land and to not reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Hartman, aye; Palmer, aye; Gaechter, aye; Lucy, aye. 4-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Gary Palmer, Vice-Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

Curtis Hartman

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